Qualifications of certain Officers and their subordinates.

39. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are not high officials in the Travancore service, who have passed only the B. A. Degree examination or other examinations even lower than that;

(*b*) whether holders of high degrees such as M. A., B. L., etc. are not working as clerks under them; and

(*c*) whether it is not the practice even now to appoint such persons as clerks under them as vacancies occur?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There may be such cases.

(*c*) Yes.

Officers under the Account Officer.

40. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers under the direct control of the Account Officer?

MR. S. VENKATARAMANA AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to pages 10 to 13 of the *Quarterly Civil List* corrected up to the 1st Edavam 1104.

Appointments in the Secretariat.

41. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table an up-to-date list (19-11-1104) of acting clerks in the Secretariat, both graduates and undergraduates?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether any one in the list of undergraduates has since graduated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) A list *of acting clerks in the Secretariat, both graduates and undergraduates, is laid on the table.

(2) No.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): With reference to part (2) of the question, may I know whether there is a section called "the Telephone Section" in the Secretariat?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; there is.

MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): May I know whether the names of the undergraduates who have acted in that section also are included in the list?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They do not belong to the general graduate or undergraduate establishment of the Secretariat. They are temporarily engaged.

The Income Tax Officers and Merchants at Alleppey.

42. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the merchants of Alleppey against the trouble they are put to by the Income Tax Officers at Alleppey; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken so far (3-7-1929) to relieve them from the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nd.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Steamer Agents at Alleppey.

43. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that the steamer agents at Alleppey impose increased landing charges upon the merchants?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to state what action they have taken in the matter with a view to redress this grievance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

The Weighing Machine at the Alleppey Chowkey.

44. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the merchants of Alleppey *re* the unsatisfactory condition of the weighing machine at the Alleppey chowkey and the losses they have to incur thereby; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what measures have been taken to remedy the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Avalukunnu-Mannancheri Road.

45. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount sanctioned for the construction of the Avalukunnu-Mannancheri road leading from Alleppey to Mannancheri;

(*b*) whether the work has been commenced;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the cause of delay;

(*d*) whether they are aware that the place called Mohamma which is one of the chief coir yarn (Beach yarn) districts in the State is only two miles from Mannancheri; and

(*e*) whether they will expedite the construction of the above road as far as the Mohamma market, considering the importance of the coir yarn trade?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No amount has been sanctioned so far.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The estimate has not been sanctioned.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This will be considered.

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